

**.BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

In the Matter of the Revocation	)	
	)	<b>ORDER OF</b>
or Suspension of the Educator's	)	
	)	<b>SUMMARY SUSPENSION</b>
Certificate of Carleton C. Snow	)	
	)	
Certificate # 186795	)	

**SUMMARY OF THE CASE**

The South Carolina State Board of Education {State Board} considered this matter on March 11' 2003. The State Department of Education {Department} will send a notice of the possible suspension or revocation of his South Carolina teaching certificate #186795 {certificate} to Mr. Carleton C. Snow, by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery restricted to addressee. In the interim in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. §1-23-370{c} {1986}, the Department requested that the State Board summarily suspend Mr. Snow's certificate until a due process hearing is held, or this matter is otherwise resolved. The Department has reason to believe, due to the nature of the misconduct that led to the pending criminal charges against him, that Mr. Snow may pose a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of students that may be under his instruction. This summary suspension will be reported to all school districts in South Carolina and the NASDTEC Clearinghouse as a summary suspension pending due process proceedings. After considering the evidence presented by the Department, the State Board voted to summarily suspend Mr. Snow's certificate until a due process hearing is held, or this matter is otherwise resolved.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Mr. Snow holds a valid South Carolina certificate and has over 5 years of teaching experience. He was under contract with Sumter County School District Seventeen {District} for the 2002-2003 school year as a special education teacher

at Wilder Elementary School. On February 11' 2003, a school aide witnessed Mr. Snow verbally assault and then strike a twelve- year old wheelchair bound female student with cerebral palsy across the face at the school. The aide reported that Mr. Snow then spun the student's wheelchair around and continued to yell at the crying young girl. Mr. Snow was suspended the next day and later transferred to another school in the District. On February 24, 2003, Mr. Snow was arrested and charged with Assault and Battery as a result of the incident.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

"The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person. " S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (1990). Just cause includes: *"Unprofessional conduct; and Crime against the law of this State or the United States."* S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (1990); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (1992). In accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-370(c) (1986), "If the agency finds that public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, and incorporates a finding to that effect in its order, action." The State Board finds that there is reason to believe that Mr. Snow may pose a danger or threat to the welfare of students that may be under his instruction. Accordingly, the State Board hereby summarily suspends Mr. Snow's certificate # 186795 until a due process hearing is held, or this matter is otherwise resolved.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: /S/ Greg Killian  
Greg Killian, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina  
March 11, 2003